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Dear Professor Dean

As you may know, the Canine Alliance recently held a members meeting. Those present asked us to write to you to request that you consider the following:

That:

1. The Kennel Club suspend the current veterinary checks as soon as an alternative can be put in place.
2. The Kennel Club produce a revised version of Form SH83/CAT.Version3.December 2011 (colloquially known, we believe, as the 'yellow form') presently being completed by all judges of High Profile breeds at conclusion of their judging at Championship shows. This form could then be completed by judges of all breeds at this level, thereby giving valuable data which can be collated and analysed, not just for the High Profile breeds.
3. The Kennel Club consider a grading system of judging, with emphasis being placed on health issues, to be introduced at Championship shows. Our members believe that such a system would be a valuable tool for judges and a considerable help for exhibitors.
4. At the earliest practical opportunity all dogs that are
 - a) qualified for entry into the Stud Bookand/or
 - b) qualified for Crufts Dog Show

should be required to obtain a basic health certificate from a veterinary surgeon before they are accepted for entry to either. The Canine Alliance members at our meeting were clearly of the opinion that, by taking this course of action, the Kennel Club can convey to outside organisations that it is serious about its commitment to improving health in all breeds of pedigree dogs.

We would welcome the opportunity of a meeting with you in order that we can explain the full details of the grading system that the Canine Alliance has developed during the course of the last few months. We look forward to hearing from you and perhaps you may wish to suggest several dates so that we can coordinate diaries.

We await your reply with interest.

Yours sincerely

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